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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
(UNDER 37 CFR 1.121)**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 11, 2005, the Applicant now resends the response via Fedex instead of facsimile to ensure response is clearly readable.

It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 11 as being unpatentable over Shigenaga (US Patent No. 4,710,613) in view of Lee (US Patent No. 5,923,759).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following comments.

The Applicant respectfully submits that a skilled person in the art would not be motivated to combine Shigenaga with Lee as the cited documents teach very opposing authentication systems. Additionally, as required under MPEP at 2143, "...there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings."